

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. No claim amendments are presented, thus no new matter is added.

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Information Disclosure Statements filed March 30, 2004, January 15, 2004, and March 29, 2001 be acknowledged. A copy of each IDS and the corresponding filing receipts are attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 12 was objected to because of informalities; Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kenner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716, hereinafter "Kenner") in view of Parnian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,538,623, hereinafter "Parnian").

Claim 12 was objected to for being labeled as "Previously Presented" instead of "Currently Amended" in the previous response. Applicants acknowledge that Claim 12 should have been properly labeled "Currently Amended" in the previous response. However, since the present response does not include any claim amendments, and therefore does not present a listing of the claims, it is believed that the above noted acknowledgement is sufficient to clarify this minor informality in the previous response.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claim 12 set forth in the outstanding Official Action be withdrawn.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kenner in view of Parnian. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20 state novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied references.

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a multimedia data retrieval method that includes, *inter alia*, extracting an event name from a retrieval request, where the event name is a name of an event at which a multimedia data is originally created. The method also includes obtaining at least one of time information and location information corresponding to the extracted event name and retrieving a multimedia data by using at least one of the time information and the location information as retrieval keys. Amended independent Claims 1, 7-9, 12-14 and 17-20 include similar features.

In a non-limiting example, Figure 10 shows steps in a method according to an embodiment of the present invention that includes step S2, which extracts event names from a retrieval request (e.g., extracting an event name), and step S3 which looks up in an index table to obtain time information and location information corresponding to the event name. Figure 9 shows an example of an index table that includes event names (e.g., “Nagano Olympics”) and associated time information, in this case start time and end time (e.g., a time at which the multimedia data is originally created), and location information, in this case latitude and longitude information (e.g., a location of an event at which the multimedia data is originally created).

This arrangement allows users to more easily retrieve multimedia data information by accessing that information using event names rather than by only accessing the information through time and location information.

Specifically, independent Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a multimedia data retrieval method, comprising:

...extracting an **event name** from a retrieval request, **said event name being a name of an event at which a multimedia data is originally created...**

In addressing the above noted claimed feature, the outstanding Official Action admits that Kenner does not disclose “extract event name from a retrieval request, the event name

being a name of an event at which a multimedia data is originally created.”¹ In an attempt to cure this deficiency in Kenner the Official Action relies on Parnian and states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the cited references to arrive at Applicants claims. Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion as Parnian fails to teach or suggest the feature for which it relied upon as a secondary reference under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Parnian describes a wearable and mobile multi-media data collection tool kit for creating an electronic investigation record.² The tool kit includes an electronic multi-media “Case” file for processing a plurality of multi-media data collection input streams into an electronic case file record, and a visual interface integrated with the electronic multi-media case file for visually conveying the contents of the input streams of the of the multi-media investigation information.³

However, Parnian fails to teach or suggest “extracting an *event name* from a retrieval request, *said event name being a name of an event at which a multimedia data is originally created*”, as recited in the pending independent claims.

In addressing the above noted feature recited in independent Claim 1, the Official Action relies on col. 5, lines 17-31; col. 5, line 65-col. 6, line 6; and col. 6, lines 15-25 of Parnian. However, this cited portion of Parnian only describes a process for entering various case record information, such as lab requests, evidence types, etc., based on a case ID. In this respect, a case name in Parnian may correspond to the event name of the present invention. However, Parnian fails to teach or suggest that his system is capable of retrieving data such as evidence, photos, etc., based on a case name. Instead, the system of Parnian only describes a structure that can retrieve data based on a case ID. For those skilled in the art, retrieval based on a case name is quite different from retrieval based on a case ID.

¹ Official Action, p. 4.

² Parnian, Abstract.

³ Id.

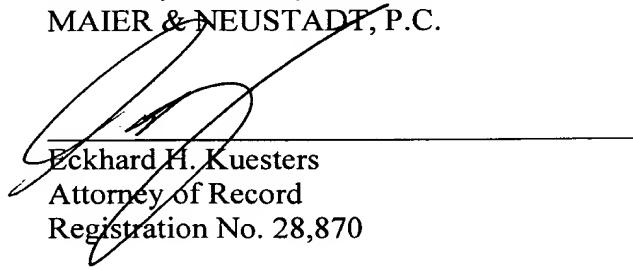
Thus, Parnian fails to teach or suggest extracting an *event name* from a retrieval request, *said event name being a name of an event at which a multimedia data is originally created*', as recited in independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn. For substantially the same reasons as given with respect to independent Claim 1, it is also submitted that independent Claims 7-9, 12-14 and the remaining pending dependent claims patentably define over Kenner and/or Parnian.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-31 patentably defines over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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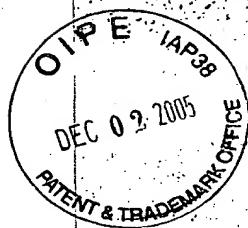


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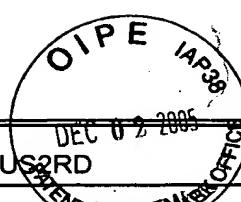
STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AA (5,870,741) on Form PTO-1449:

This reference shows a similar information retrieval method which utilizes geographic name as a search key.

Reference AO (9-212518) on Form PTO-1449:

This discloses a similar multimedia data retrieved method which utilizes geographic name and a few predetermined keywords representing period of time such as "summer" and "morning" as a search key.



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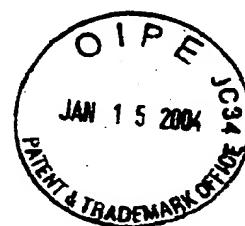
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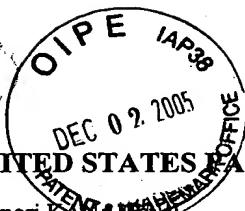
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